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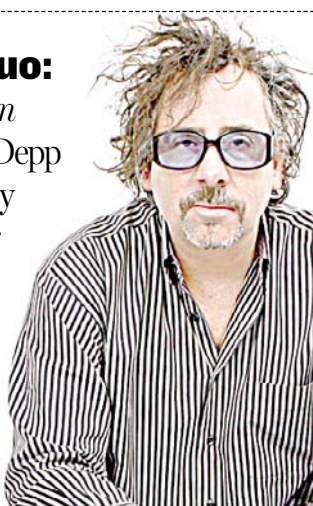
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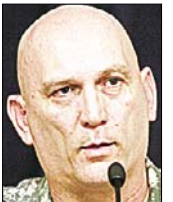
BURIED: Joanie Tobin of Cambridge, Mass., shovels out her car Sunday after the Northeast was hit with its second major storm of the week. The storm, which has been blamed for at least three deaths, spread snow, sleet and freezing rain from the Great Lakes into New England, where meteorologists predicted as much as 18 inches of snow. ❖ **'Stay home':** Northeast hunkers down | **Page 3**

U.S.: Iraq Quietest Since '04

General sees 'window' amid sharp decline in bloodshed

BAGHDAD | Violence in Iraq is at its lowest level since the first year of the American invasion, finally opening a window for reconciliation among rival sects, the second-ranking U.S. general said Sunday as Iraqi forces formally took control of security across half the country.

Lt. Gen. Ray Odierno, the man responsible for the ground campaign in Iraq, said that the first six months of 2007 were probably the most violent period since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. The past six months, however, saw some of the lowest levels of violence since the conflict began, Odierno said, attributing the change to an increase in both American troops and better-trained Iraqi forces.



Odierno

Odierno said Anbar province, once plagued by violence, recorded only 12 attacks in the past week, down from an average of 26 per week over the past three months.

A planned reduction of troops to about 130,000 at the end of next year from the "surge" of around 165,000 at the height of the "surge" should not derail that effort, but Iraq's government must take advantage of the improved security, Odierno said.

"We have a window. I don't know how long that window is, but there is a window because of the security to move forward," Odierno told a small group of journalists at his headquarters in Baghdad. "We need to get policies in place by the central government to do this." (AP)



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STUPID Lawyers Get Pile Of Free Money From Taxpayers

Officials in a Northern California school district might not think Tiggers are such wonderful things after agreeing to pay \$95,000 in lawyers' fees to five families who sued the school over its dress code. The parents went to court after a student was disciplined for wearing socks bearing the "Winnie the Pooh" character Tigger on the first day of school. The district's superintendent said Thursday the settlement money is for the plaintiffs' lawyers; the district is also on the hook to pay the lawyers it hired. The settlement also says Redwood Middle School may no longer require students to wear only solid-color clothing. (AP)

DOOM Sentient AI Network Tests the Waters

At least 26 motorists were left broke when they used their debit cards to pay for street parking in Trondheim, Norway, last week. Because of a computer glitch, the machine dispensing wind-

shield parking permits multiplied the amount of time they bought by 10,000, and automatically deducted it from their bank accounts, charging between \$37,000 and \$148,000. The withdrawal of the vast sums on Wednesday left many people's bank accounts spectacularly overdrawn and their debit cards frozen. (AP)



SANTA

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We suppose no kindergartners are reading Express, because if they were, they'd wonder not only why Santa can be male or female, but also how he/she can snow-ski, water-ski, ride roller coasters and perform a wide variety of other novelty actions. Kids, if you're 5 years old and can read, be sure to ask your parents a lot of probing, tearful questions about this phenomenon. This particular batch of imposters appeared in Park City, Utah, on Saturday. (EXPRESS)



FEELINGS

Emotions 'Rainbow' And 'Unicorn' Prevail

Inmates at the Miami County Jail in Troy, Ohio, are getting pink walls and purple bars. Researchers have documented the ability of certain colors to evoke emotional and physical responses, and many jails across the nation have been painted pink as a pacifying measure. County jails in Arizona, Tennessee and Texas have had similar makeovers, but the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department abandoned pink for gray. Jail officials there said the hue had no discernible effect on prisoners but annoyed the jail staff. (AP)

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LOST IN THE MAIL: A postcard featuring a color drawing of Santa Claus has finally arrived in Oberlin, Kan., 93 years after it was mailed. The card dated Dec. 23, 1914, was mailed to Ethel Martin from her cousins in Alma, Neb. It's a mystery where it spent most of the last century.

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In Brief



M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., campaigns on Sunday in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

DES MOINES, IOWA Paper's Editorial Board Endorses Clinton, McCain

The Des Moines Register's editorial board is endorsing Republican Sen. John McCain and Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton ahead of the state's Jan. 3 presidential caucuses, contending they top the field in competence and readiness to lead in a time of dissension at home and distrust and peril abroad. The Register endorsed Democrat John Edwards in 2004 and backed George W. Bush over McCain in 2000. (AP)

LAND O' LAKES, FLA. Apparent Tornado Overturns Cars, Destroys Jail Facility

An apparent tornado demolished a jail building and overturned vehicles early Sunday in central Florida, authorities said. One of two minimum-security annex buildings at the Pasco County Jail was destroyed, sheriff's spokesman Doug Tobin said. The female inmates it housed had been evacuated moments earlier to the main jail. (AP)

Winter Storm Buries the Northeast

Heavy snow blamed for 3 deaths; airports forced to cancel flights

BOSTON | Motorists slid off roads Sunday across the Great Lakes states and into New England as a storm already blamed for three deaths cut visibility and iced over highways with a wind-blown brew of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

The National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings from Michigan and Indiana all the way to Maine. About a foot of snow had fallen on parts of the Chicago area and Ann Arbor, Mich., with 10 inches reported in Vermont. Meteorologists said that 18 inches was possible in northern New England and that there was a chance of 14 inches in parts of Michigan.

"Our biggest advice right now is, stay home," said Maine State Police



JOSH REYNOLDS/AP

A woman skis along the Charles River in Cambridge, Mass. Meteorologists said up to 18 inches of snow was possible in parts of New England on Sunday evening.

Sgt. Andrew Donovan. Visibility in the blowing snow was less than 200 yards, and in stronger gusts

"if there's a car in front of you, you can't even see it," he said.

Every available plow truck was

at work in Vermont, said Reggie Brown, highway department dispatcher in Montpelier.

Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Mike Claffey said 1,000 trucks were out clearing snow there Sunday.

Snow depths in some places were uncertain. "They can't tell how much because it's blowing so hard," Brown said.

The storm forced the cancellation of hundreds of flights at airports in Chicago. Many flights were canceled at airports in the Northeast, including in Portland, Maine; Buffalo, N.Y.; and Manchester, N.H. Few major problems were reported at airports in Philadelphia, Boston and New York.

The storm came less than a week after an ice storm blamed for at least 38 deaths hit the Midwest and caused massive power outages. STEVE LEBLANC (AP)

Study: More People Googling Selves

Number of Americans searching online for themselves, others rises

NEW YORK | More Americans are Googling themselves — and many are checking out their friends, coworkers and romantic interests, too — than in 2002.

In a report released Sunday, the Pew Internet and American Life

ALL ABOUT ME

→ Few Internet users say they Google themselves regularly — about three-quarters of self-searchers say they have done so only once or twice. Only 4 percent said embarrassing or inaccurate information posted online resulted in a bad experience for them.

Project said 47 percent of U.S. adult Internet users have looked for information about themselves through Google or another search engine.

That is more than twice the 22 percent of users who reported doing so in 2002.

About 60 percent of Internet users said they aren't worried about the extent of information about themselves online, despite

increasing concern over how that data can be used.

Meanwhile, Pew found that 53 percent of adult Internet users admit to looking up information about someone else, celebrities excluded. Looking up information about friends, relatives, colleagues and neighbors was common.

Although men and women equally searched for online information about themselves, women were slightly more likely to look up information about someone they are dating. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

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—John Edwards, discussing the problems of the middle class during an event in Iowa



Republican Vows CIA Tapes Probe

Hoekstra defies Bush in pledging to review destruction of videos

WASHINGTON | The top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee defied the Bush administration Sunday and pledged to investigate the destruction of CIA interrogation tapes.

"We want to hold the community accountable for what's happened with these tapes. I think we will issue subpoenas," said Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich.

The Justice Department has urged Congress not to investigate and advised intelligence officials not to cooperate with a legislative inquiry.

"You've got a community that's incompetent. They are arrogant. And they are political," Hoekstra said. "And I think that we're going to hold [CIA Director] Mike Hayden

accountable."

Earlier this month, the CIA acknowledged destroying videos showing the harsh interrogation of top al-Qaeda suspects. Hayden said the videos were destroyed in 2005 out of fear the tapes would leak and reveal the identities of interrogators.



Hoekstra

The House panel subsequently vowed to investigate and requested documents.

But on Friday, Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein and CIA Inspector General John Helgeson, who are heading a separate inquiry into the tapes, asked Hoekstra and House Intelligence Chairman Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, to postpone the review until it's clear where the government's preliminary inquiry will lead. HOPE YEN (AP)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. | RETURN TO WORSHIP



MOVING FORWARD: Church members participate in the first Sunday service at New Life Church since a gunman opened fire in the church parking lot on Dec. 9, killing two teenage sisters and wounding three other people.

McCain Gains Lieberman's Support

MANCHESTER, N.H. | Trying to build momentum in his campaign, Sen. John McCain is piling up high-profile endorsements, including one from another political maver-

ick, Sen. Joseph Lieberman.

The Connecticut senator, an independent who was the Democrats' 2000 vice presidential nominee, was scheduled to announce his

support for McCain on Monday.

A Lieberman adviser said the senator decided to back McCain because he believes his colleague from Arizona "has the best chance of uniting the country in its fight against Islamic terrorism." (AP)

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—Alan Greenspan, calling for government action to ease the nation's mortgage crisis

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Retailers Banking on a Late Surge

Stores are reporting slow sales as holiday shopping season ends

NEW YORK | Despite generous discounting and expanded shopping hours earlier in the season, many stores are finding themselves in the same predicament as in recent years: waiting for those last-minute shoppers in the final days before Christmas who seem to be procrastinating even more than they did a year ago.

Based on early reports from analysts and malls, sales results were generally unimpressive this past weekend, as shoppers were held back by a snowstorm that spread a mix of sleet, freezing rain and snow from the Great Lakes states to New England. Consumers, fretting about economic worries, were



A customer checks out at a Target store in Lombard, Ill., on Thursday. The nation's retailers are hoping a late surge in sales will offset a disappointing holiday season.

“This holiday season, at this point, has been disappointing. ... Shoppers are more frugal.”

C. BRITT BEEMER, ANALYST

also delaying their shopping even more this year, knowing there's a full weekend before Christmas, when the bargains will be even better.

Meanwhile, for online retailers, which likely finished their busiest days last week, their fate appears to be already sealed: Holiday sales didn't live up to industry's hopes as lower-income shoppers pulled

back on spending amid a housing slump. ComScore Inc. reported on Sunday that online sales from Nov. 1 through Dec. 14 rose 18 percent, below the 26 percent growth rate seen in the year-ago period and below the 20 percent projection for the season.

"This holiday season, at this point, has been disappointing, whether they're brick and mortar, catalog or online," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "Shoppers are more frugal and cost-conscious because they have less money to spend." As for Saturday and Sunday, he said, "This weekend was busy, but it wasn't huge."

Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak RCT Corp., was more upbeat, noting that the fate of the holiday season depends on the final stretch, predicting business in the final days will be "huge."

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

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World



SKY-HIGH SCORE: A ski lift broke down in central Japan on Saturday, leaving 90 people trapped in gondola cars for hours until rescuers lowered them down by rope. It took nearly 12 hours to rescue the last of the passengers at the Ontake ski resort in Nagano. No injuries were reported.

In Brief



President Thabo Mbeki, left, and Jacob Zuma at the ANC conference.

POLOKWANE, SOUTH AFRICA Mbeki and Zuma Compete For Presidency of ANC

President Thabo Mbeki called for unity in South Africa's ruling African National Congress as he faced losing the party leadership to his bitter rival at a crucial party conference that began Sunday. Mbeki, who spearheaded an economic boom but alienated many of the poor, is competing against party deputy Jacob Zuma, who is widely expected to win after his reputation survived rape and corruption charges. The rivalry is the first time the ANC presidency has been contested in 55 years. (AP)

CAIRO, EGYPT New Video From Al-Qaeda Says U.S. Hides Iraq Failures

Al-Qaeda's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, said in a new video posted Monday that the U.S. is trying to hide its failures in Iraq and warned that the mujahedeen there are increasing in strength. "We are seeing a triple failure for the Americans in Iraq," al-Zawahiri said in the 90-minute tape. "No matter how much the gigantic propaganda machine in America tries to deceive the people, the reality is stronger and worse than all the deceptions." He said U.S. forces were "defeated and looking for a way out." (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA French Journalist Kidnapped, Reportedly Held for Ransom

A French journalist was kidnapped Sunday by gunmen who apparently were demanding a \$70,000 ransom, authorities and the media watchdog group Reporters Without Borders said. The reporter was identified as cameraman Gwen Le Gouil. He was reportedly doing a story on trafficking in illegal migrants. (AP)

Experts: Basra Handover Symbolic

British power transfer will have limited effect on security, analysts say

BAGHDAD | Britain's weekend handover of Basra province will have a limited effect on security in Iraq's biggest oil region because rival Shiite warlords and local officials have been wielding the real power in the area.

The British have never sought to maintain the same level of control as the Americans did over the provinces the U.S. oversaw after the 2003 invasion. Since elections in 2005, southern Iraq has been under the domain of religious Shiite parties and their militia allies.

All of which means the British are handing over something local power players already possess.

"I don't think there is a handover. You've never had real British control of Basra or the area," said Anthony Cordesman, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "What you are really watching is a sort of nominal transfer of authority to the central government and Iraqi forces."



Iraqi special forces parade outside Basra Palace in Basra, Iraq, Sunday after the ceremony marking Britain's handover of power.

Stability in Basra and southern Iraq is key not only to security, but also to whether the oil industry will grow and attract vital international investment. The region contains most of Iraq's proven oil reserves. If fighting between Shiite factions returns, it will be hard to persuade companies to invest.

Security problems could also open the door to even greater influence by neighboring Iran and threaten land routes used by the U.S. to bring ammunition, food and other supplies from Kuwait to American forces to the north.

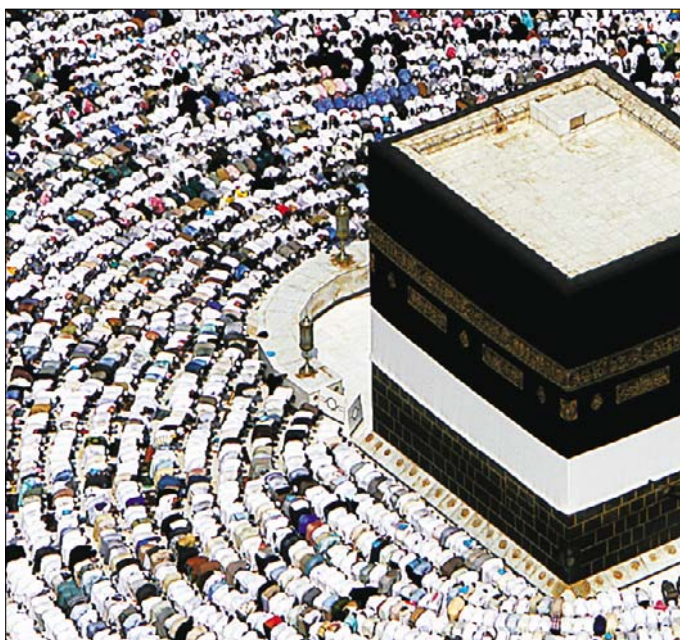
Last Wednesday's triple car bombing, which killed at least 25

people in Amarah, shows how fragile security in the south is.

"I don't know that there is going to be a security vacuum more than there has been," said Frederick Kagan of the American Enterprise Institute. "The British haven't been patrolling very aggressively anyway."

BRADLEY BROOKS (AP)

MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA | HAJJ BEGINS



GROUP PRAYER: Muslim pilgrims pray around the holy Kaaba at the Grand Mosque in Mecca on Sunday. This year's hajj officially began Sunday and is a chance for the faithful to gather at Islam's holiest shrine.

Afghanistan-Pakistan Border Attacks Drop

Top American general claims Americans, allies are making progress

BAGRAM, AFGHANISTAN | A top American general said Sunday that attacks along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border have dropped more than 40 percent since July, and the U.S. and its allies are making progress in the fight against the Taliban.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Votel said the decrease in insurgent activity along the border could be attributed to the onset of winter, a rise in insurgent attacks in Pakistan and an increase in communication and coordination among NATO, Afghan and Pakistani forces.

Recent media and analysts'

reports have said the international mission is not succeeding and Afghanistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

This year has been the deadliest since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion, with more than 6,300 people killed in the violence, mostly militants, according to an Associated Press count based on official figures. The country has also seen a record number of suicide bomb attacks — more than 140 — this year.

But Votel, the deputy commanding general of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, said Sunday that the international mission is making progress.

Hesaidthatsecurityhasincreased in 25 districts that American forces oversee in eastern Afghanistan. (AP)



HEAVY LIFTING: A 5-year-old girl lifted 32.34 pounds — almost her own weight — to earn a place in Malaysia's national records, the New Sunday Times reported Sunday. The girl also completed a three-mile run before performing her record lift Saturday.

World

Musharraf Foes Vow to Undo Amendments

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | A key opposition group vowed Sunday to try to undo amendments President Pervez Musharraf made to the constitution before lifting emergency rule, changes criticized by Pakistan's press as a blow to the Parliament's sovereignty.

Raja Zafarul Haq, chairman of the Pakistan Muslim League-N party, said Musharraf, a close U.S. ally in the war against terrorism, used the emergency for "personal reasons" to stack the Supreme Court with "hand-picked" judges, while it pondered the legality of his new term and whether to amend the constitution.

Haq also repeated claims that Jan. 8 elections for a new Parliament would be "rigged." (AP)

Turkish Strike Targets Kurds in Iraq

Three-hour nighttime offensive sends bombs 60 miles inside N. Iraq

ANKARA, TURKEY | Turkey said dozens of its warplanes bombed Kurdish rebel targets as deep as 60 miles inside northern Iraq for three hours Sunday in the largest aerial attack in years against the outlawed separatist group.

An Iraqi official said the planes attacked several villages, killing one woman, and the rebels said two civilians and five rebels were killed.

In the nighttime offensive, the fighter jets hit rebel positions close to the border with Turkey and in the Qandil mountains, which straddle the Iraq-Iran border, the Turkish military said in a statement posted



A man walks through rubble in Qlatooka, Iraq, near the Turkish border, on Sunday. Turkish warplanes bombed Kurdish rebel targets inside Iraq, killing at least one.

on its Web site. It said the operation was directed against the rebels, and not against the local population.

As many as 50 fighter jets were involved in the airstrikes, private NTV television and other media reported.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan lauded Sunday's operation and suggested Turkey could stage more attacks on Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) hide-outs in northern Iraq.

The pro-Kurdish news agency Firat, citing the PKK, said two civilians and five PKK rebels were killed in the raids.

The airstrikes destroyed two schools and a hospital, it said in separate reports, adding that the hospital had been vacated in anticipation of a Turkish attack.

SUZAN FRASER (AP)

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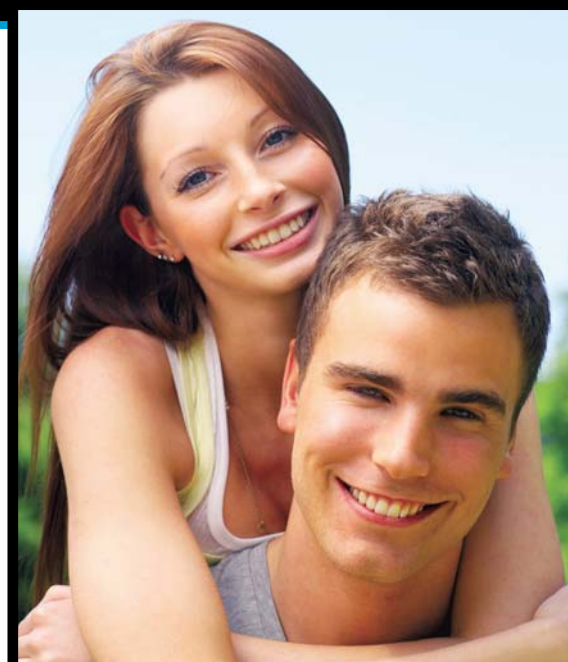
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Kyrgyz Voters Go to Polls

Rivals trade accusations of fraud, vote-rigging in parliamentary elections

BISHKEK, KYRGYZSTAN | Allegations of vote rigging and tensions between rival political parties dogged parliamentary elections Sunday in Kyrgyzstan, heightening worries about the stability of the nation that hosts the last U.S. base left in Central Asia.

President Kurmanbek Bakiyev's Ak Jol party faced off against the Social Democratic Party of former Prime Minister Almazbek Atambayev and the Ata Meken party, led by former parliament speaker Omurbek Tekebayev.

Nine smaller parties also were running but had little chance of getting into the single-chamber, 90-seat legislature. The first results were expected Monday.

Opposition groups accused the government of plotting to rig



A woman casts her ballot in parliamentary elections in Gornaya Mayevka, Kyrgyzstan, on Sunday. Opposition groups accused the government of vote-rigging.

the vote to purge parliament of Bakiyev's political rivals. They threatened to hold mass protests if there were any signs of meddling. The three leading parties also traded accusations of election fraud.

Kyrgyzstan is militarily and economically important to several global powers. Russia has an air base there, and the U.S. military base in Bishkek helps support operations in Afghanistan. LEILA SARALAYEVA (AP)

299 Inmates Escape Prison in India

NEW DELHI | Nearly 300 communist prisoners overpowered guards and escaped from a prison in restive eastern India Sunday, police said.

Rahul Sharma, the superintendent of police, said 299 of 377 inmates fled from the Dantewada prison, 350 miles south of Raipur,

the capital of Chhattisgarh state. The escape occurred while dinner was being served.

Sharma said three prison guards and two inmates were wounded in the shooting. He described those who escaped as "supporters" of leftist insurgents in the region. (AP)

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The number of guns collected by D.C. police as part of an amnesty program that offered people a chance to turn in their weapons for cash. Police accepted the guns at three churches in the District on Saturday.

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Storm Misses Region, but Ice and Wind Cause Outages

Much of Maryland, D.C. and northern Virginia appear to have dodged the worst of a winter storm that brought ice and massive power outages in the Midwest. Temperatures in much of the area hovered above freezing overnight, but there were reports of some ice accumulation in Western Maryland and west of Washington on Sunday. Light snow was reported in Leesburg and Winchester, Va., and in Western Maryland. Ice and wind has caused some homes and businesses to lose power. Baltimore Gas and Electric is reporting about 1,500 customers without power. Dominion Virginia Power is reporting about 3,600 customers without power in northern Virginia. A wind advisory is in effect for the region through 6 a.m. Monday. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.

State's Business Leaders Form Immigration Coalition

Virginia business leaders are joining up to oppose laws that would punish employers who use undocumented workers. Virginia Employers for Sensible Immigration Policy is being described as a broad coalition of Virginia business interests, including some of the state's most powerful trade groups. Organizers formed the group in anticipation of a flurry of immigration legislation in the General Assembly. (AP)

CROFTON, MD.

2 Teens Charged With Vandalizing 40 Vehicles

Anne Arundel County police have charged two teenagers with vandalizing at least 40 cars with baseball bats. Police say 18-year-old Steven Zell, of Crofton and 19-year-old Timothy Hepperle, of Glen Burnie, Md., are charged with malicious destruction of property. Officers arrested the two men around 4:30 a.m. Friday after receiving reports of car vandalism in progress. Police say a citizen followed the men as they slowly drove by cars smashing them with baseball bats and helped police identify the culprits. (AP)

Mass Transit Ridership Up in Va.

State transportation commission puts growth at 1 percent

WASHINGTON | Fare increases, parking problems and crowded trains may be forcing more Northern Virginians away from Metro.

However, it doesn't mean that they are cranking up their cars. No, they could be taking the bus.

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission found over-

all mass transit ridership grew by 1 percent.

"There were 3,000 more riders per day on public transportation in Northern Virginia in 2007," said Dave Snyder, of NVTC.

The average weekday ridership grew to 466,443 from 463,353. Annual ridership totaled 137.5 million in 2007, up from 137.3 million.

Bus ridership jumped to eight percent in Loudoun and Prince William counties. Arlington County rid-

ership jumped 15 percent.

Virginia's public transit growth highlights Metro's current struggles.

Metro continues to report a decrease in ridership in Northern Virginia, with fewer people using Metro stations such as Vienna, Springfield and Huntington. The Metro board has just approved the largest fare hike in its history last week.

Snyder said improvements to suburban bus systems have attract-

ed riders, but should not be viewed as a rejection of Metro. He said the reductions in rail ridership can be attributed to overcrowded trains, delays and the lack of parking.

Virginia Railway Express is also experiencing a resurgence, showing five straight months of increased ridership as a result of improvements.

According to Snyder, VRE and Metro should gain from new taxes and fees that will be collected next year by NVTA. (AP)

WASHINGTON | POTOMAC TEA PARTY



SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION: Aviva Kempner, left, and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton dump tea leaves Sunday afternoon during the DC Vote Tea Party on the Potomac in Georgetown. Despite the District's failure to gain full voting rights in Congress this year, D.C. voting rights advocates commemorated the 234th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Deaths in NW Co-Op A Mystery

WASHINGTON | D.C. police are investigating the deaths of two elderly people found separately in their homes in the same apartment building.

Officers were called to the 13th Street Terrace Co-Op in Northwest Washington this morning to check on a woman.

Inside they found 86-year-old Pearl White Holloway unconscious. She was later pronounced dead.

While police were on the scene, they were alerted to a foul odor coming from another apartment. That's where they found another person, who was pronounced dead.

Assistant Police Chief Diane Groomes says there are no apparent signs of foul play, but an investigation continues. (AP)

Police Seek Hit-and-Run Suspect

SAVAGE, MD. | State Police are looking for the driver of a vehicle that struck and killed two people standing outside their vehicle on southbound Interstate-95 in Howard County.

State police say the man and woman in their early 30s, believed to be from Washington, D.C., were pronounced dead at the scene early Sunday. A positive identification has

not been made.

Police say the victims were switching drivers along the right shoulder when they were struck.

A passenger in the backseat of the victims' vehicle told police they were hit by a 2004 Ford Explorer. Police say the driver of that vehicle stopped and walked back to the crash scene, but ran off after a conversation with the passenger. (AP)

The Lotteries

Sunday, Dec. 16

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-9-4
Evening Lucky Numbers	5-0-6
Mid-day DC 4	8-9-5-3
Evening DC 4	1-9-5-8
Rolling Cash Five	8-17-20-25-28
Daily 6	2-3-10-15-20-31 Bonus: 18

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	1-0-7
Evening Pick 3	3-1-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-2-2-4
Evening Pick 4	5-6-4-6
Match 5	2-18-20-27-31 Bonus: 29

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	1-8-5
Mid-day Pick 4	4-1-1-7
Mid-day Cash 5	17-20-29-33-34

Personal Tech



VIRTUAL BODY-SLAM: Tired of watching Mitt and Mike, Hillary and Rudy, and Colbert and Coulter limit their swipes to words? Pick one and fight in the new "DC Smackdown" video game for the PC, featuring signature moves like the "Intern Trample" and "Mormon Conversion."

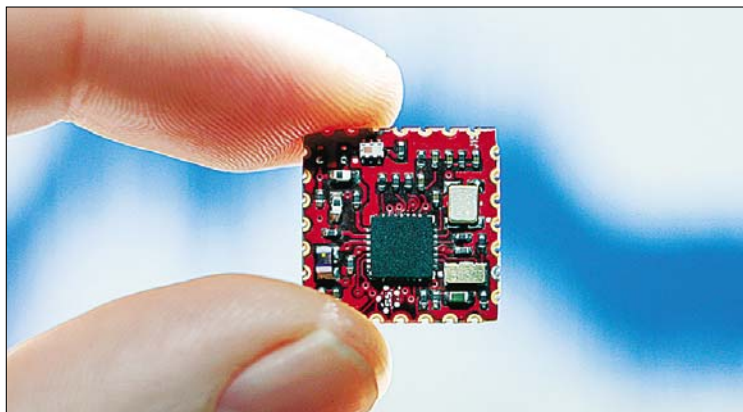
Just Like in the Movies

S5 Wireless looks to bring small tracking devices to real life

NEW YORK | In one high-tech thriller after another, the hero attaches a tiny tracking device to the villain and follows his blinking dot on a computer screen. In real life, this kind of technology would be great for tracking pets or kids — anything that tends to wander. But it doesn't really exist.

A Utah company, S5 Wireless, is looking to bring reality closer to the movies, with small, cheap chips that can be powered by a single battery for up to two years and tracked indoors and outside, over long distances.

For instance, an S5 chip could



A circuit board with an S5 Wireless tracking chip in the middle operates on 900 megahertz of bandwidth. A child's backpack or a dog's collar could hold the device.

go into a dog collar, complete with a battery, in a package about the size of a stick of gum that costs \$3 to \$4 to make. The same concept could be applied to a— child's backpack,

with an antenna running through the strap.

"It's like a poor man's LoJack or OnStar," said David Carter, S5's chief executive. PETER SVENSSON (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

FAST FORWARD

I've been thinking about switching from my iPod to a Zune, but after years with an iPod I have all of my music sorted and arranged in iTunes. How hard would it be for me to switch, and is it possible to sync the Zune with iTunes?

If the music in iTunes involves songs downloaded from the iTunes Store, you may not be able to switch at all—the Zune software can't play songs purchased from iTunes unless they're un-"protected" iTunes Plus AAC files. Otherwise, you're not looking at anything too strenuous. The Zune software comes preset to index all the songs in your "My Music" folder, so you don't need to move anything.

I don't get it. I'm on a Mac. I thought everybody can open JPEG files.

Sometimes Windows people tell me they can't open the files. How come?

Sometimes the picture-viewer program in Windows gets messed up and won't launch. Sometimes file associations are done wrong. And it's also possible to send an attachment from a Mac's Mail program in a way that makes it garbled in Windows. Try using the "send

Windows-friendly attachments" command for people who report these issues.

Nobody has any business running a 64-bit edition of Windows.

I have been buying the cheap USB thumb drives from Microcenter. They work great; Vista likes 'em. Am I missing anything by not getting the ones with features built in?

Yeah, these things are pretty much commodity parts. But for everyday data-transfer use, there aren't any meaningful differences.

I have a PC with WXP64, and can't find a wireless network adapter that works with this. Can you suggest anything?

You shouldn't have gotten the 64-bit edition of Windows XP. It is a recipe for driver-compatibility nightmares — nobody has any business running a 64-bit edition of Windows unless they can name three programs that they use, then specify what performance boost they'll gain from the 64-bit edition.



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Online Audiences Difficult to Track

NEW YORK | Online advertising jumped 25 percent this year, raking in a cool \$20 billion, but Internet executives say that figure could have been even higher if advertisers had reliable and consistent ways to measure online audiences. Disagreement continues over which criteria best gauge users' potential interest in a product or service.

It's a "problem of plenty," as Manish Bhatia, president of global services for Nielsen Online, a unit of the Nielsen Co., said at a recent conference on online audience measurement.

Web publishers are frustrated that the lack of cohesion is holding them back from capturing more of the \$250-billion-per-year U.S. advertising pie, especially given the huge amount of time people spend online.

"This industry looks like it can't get out of its own way," said Steve Wadsworth, president of the Walt Disney Co.'s Internet group. "We need measurement of the audience and their use of the system that's clear, simple and actionable for a marketer." (AP)

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The number of kickoff returns before the Tampa Bay Buccaneers franchise returned one for a touchdown. Tampa Bay's Michael Spurlock returned a first-quarter kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown against the Falcons Sunday.

Sports

Dolphins Stun Ravens in Overtime

Miami gets its 1st win of season as Baltimore suffers 8th straight loss

 **22** | **16** 

NFL | The Miami Dolphins finally won one, thanks to a break and a big play in overtime.

After Baltimore's Matt Stover missed a 44-yard field goal in the extra period, Miami's Greg Camarillo turned a short completion into a 64-yard touchdown, and the Dolphins beat the Baltimore Ravens 22-16 Sunday.

With the 1972 perfect-season Dolphins cheering them on, the woebegone 2007 team rallied from a 10-point third-quarter deficit and snapped a 16-game losing streak.

Camarillo broke over the middle on third down and had two steps on the secondary when he caught a pass from Cleo Lemon near mid-field. Finding himself in the clear, Camarillo sprinted to the end zone

NFL SCOREBOARD

WEEK 15 | SUNDAY, DEC. 16

Panthers 13, Seahawks 10

Patriots 20, Jets 10

Saints 31, Cardinals 24

Browns 8, Bills 0

Titans 26, Chiefs 17

Buccaneers 37, Falcons 3

Jaguars 29, Steelers 22

Packers 33, Rams 14

Dolphins 22, Ravens 16

Eagles 10, Cowboys 6

Colts 21, Raiders 14

Chargers 51, Lions 14

for his first NFL touchdown, and his jubilant teammates ran after him to create a mob scene in the corner of the stadium.

With their first victory since Dec. 10, 2006, the Dolphins (1-13) avoided matching the worst start in NFL history. Cam Cameron finally earned his first victory



Miami Dolphins WR Greg Camarillo scores in overtime against the Ravens Sunday.

as an NFL head coach, 11 months after taking the job.

Owner Wayne Huizenga, fed up with years of decline in the Dolphins, confirmed Saturday he's discussing the sale of the franchise.

But his Dolphins finally found a team they could beat in the Ravens (4-10), who lost their eighth game in a row, extending a franchise record.

Redskins Late Game

→ Sunday's Redskins vs. Giants game ended after Express' deadline. Full statistics are available in Monday's Post. | **Today in Sports**

 **The Washington Post**

Miami took its first lead with 1:56 left in regulation on a 29-yard field goal by Jay Feely, making the score 16-13.

His ensuing kickoff went out of bounds, allowing the Ravens to start at their 40, and rookie Troy Smith drove them 59 yards.

The Ravens started at their 20 following the overtime kickoff, and Smith drove them 54 yards, but Stover pulled a kick wide left. Three plays later, the Dolphins had their first win in more than a year.

STEVEN WINE (AP)

TOP DOGS | SUNDAY'S BEST IN THE NFL



1 Dashing through the snow in Buffalo, Browns RB **Jamal Lewis** pounded the Bills' defense for 163 yards on 33 carries. **2** Picking apart the Cardinals' secondary with a surgeon's precision, **Drew Brees** completed 26 of 30 passes for 315 yards and two scores. **3** Defeated no more, the Dolphins and QB **Cleo Lemon**, who passed for 315 yards and one touchdown, shocked the Ravens with a 22-16 win in OT. **4** Packers LB **Nick Barnett** shut down the "Greatest Show on Turf," recording 13 tackles and two sacks. **5** Jaguars RB **Fred Taylor** ran for 147 yards and one TD on 25 carries in the snow at Heinz Field, as Jacksonville beat Pittsburgh 29-22 on the road. (EXPRESS)

Patriots Continue Perfect Season

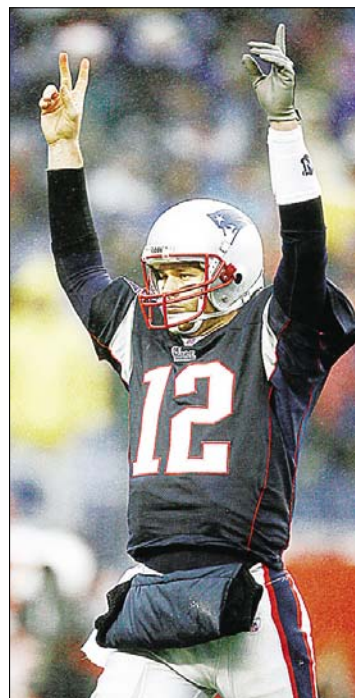
Pats down rival Jets with running game in Spygate rematch

 **20** | **10** 

NFL | Bad weather couldn't stop the Patriots' march toward an undefeated season. Neither could the New York Jets.

Facing rain, wind and chilly gusts above 20 mph, New England and Tom Brady found a new way to win — running and eating up the clock — and beat the New York Jets 20-10 Sunday in the Spygate rematch.

Coach Bill Belichick brushed off the elements as a necessary nuisance, much like his usually cold postgame handshakes with Eric Mangini. The Jets coach, his former friend and pro-



Patriots QB Tom Brady celebrates a TD pass during a 20-10 win over the Jets.

tege, had turned him in for using a sideline videocamera in violation of NFL rules after the season opener.

The NFL fined Belichick \$500,000 and the team \$250,000 and took away their first-round draft choice next year for the illegal taping.

But this time, their exchange was pleasant. Belichick smiled all the way from the sideline until he reached Mangini and appeared to say, "Great game, awesome," as they shook hands. With the win, New England clinched home field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs even though Brady failed to throw a touchdown pass for the first time this season. The Patriots' remaining games are at home against Miami and at the New York Giants.

Laurence Maroney ran for 104 yards, just the fourth time this season a New England rusher surpassed 100. (AP)

Sports

A FIRST FOR EVERYTHING: The Wake Forest Demon Deacons won their first NCAA College Cup soccer championship Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Ohio State. Zach Schilawski scored the game winner in the 77th minute of regulation.



Rodriguez Named Michigan Coach

West Virginia head man to take over for retiring Lloyd Carr

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Michigan has hired West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez as its next football coach following a search that featured two other top prospects deciding to stay put.

"I am thrilled to have Rich Rodriguez as Michigan's new coach," athletic director Bill Martin wrote in an e-mail to The Associated Press

on Sunday. "Rich brings an exciting brand of football to Michigan Stadium. We welcome the entire Rodriguez family to Ann Arbor."

Rodriguez, whose No. 11 Mountaineers are preparing for their second Bowl Championship Series game in three seasons, will take over Michigan's program from Lloyd Carr. Carr announced his retirement Nov. 19 after 13 seasons.

The Wolverines plan to introduce Rodriguez at a news conference Monday morning, Michigan athletic department spokesman



Rich Rodriguez takes over for Lloyd Carr as Michigan's new head coach.

COACHING CAROUSEL

Two other high-profile programs have changed coaches since the regular season's end:

- Arkansas: Houston Nutt resigned, then Bobby Petrino left the NFL's Atlanta Falcons to take over the Razorbacks.
- Nebraska: Interim AD Tom Osbourne dismissed Bill Callahan after a 5-7 season and replaced him with LSU defensive coordinator Bo Pelini.

Bruce Madej said. Rodriguez, who has a 60-26 record at West Virginia, led the Mountaineers (10-2) to their fourth Big East title in five seasons. Carr plans to coach the Wolverines in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1 against No. 9 Florida.

Rodriguez's West Virginia contract, which runs through the 2013 season, has a \$4 million buyout clause if he leaves before next September. When Michigan lured basketball coach John Beilein away from West Virginia last April, Beilein's contract had a \$2.5 million buyout clause. Under an agreement with West Virginia, he agreed to pay \$1.5 million to the WVU Foundation. LARRY LAGE (AP)

Sabbatini Leaves Target Challenge

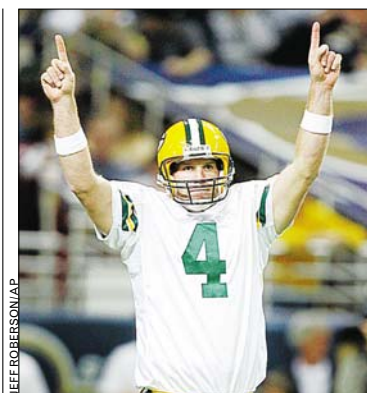
GOLF | Rory Sabbatini didn't let the year end without getting under Tiger Woods' skin one last time.

In a move that left players shaking their head, Sabbatini withdrew from the final round of the Target World Challenge on Sunday citing "personal reasons," the first player in the nine-year history of the event to leave early. Sabbatini still received \$170,000. He was in last place heading into the final round, 28 shots behind.

His agent, Bud Martin, said Sabbatini told him he withdrew because of shin splints. (AP)



Browns running back Jamal Lewis dives for additional yardage as he is tripped up by Bills linebacker Keith Ellison Sunday.



Brett Favre threw two TDs on his way to breaking Dan Marino's record Sunday.

Favre Breaks Marino's Passing Yardage Record



ST. LOUIS | A simple slant pattern to his favorite receiver gave Brett Favre yet another record in a milestone season. It's been a pretty big year for the Green Bay Packers, too, who clinched a first-round playoff bye.

Favre threw for 227 yards and two touchdowns, eclipsing Dan Marino to become the NFL career leader in yards passing, in a 33-14 victory over the St. Louis Rams on Sunday.

Favre was 19-for-30, throwing his 25th and 26th touchdown passes, with two interceptions. He entered the day needing 184 yards to pass Marino. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Caps look to continue their December success as they head to Motown to drop the puck against the best team in hockey, the Detroit Red Wings.

FOOTBALL (8:30 P.M. ON ESPN) It's an NFC North matchup as star rookie running back Adrian Peterson and the Minnesota Vikings, who are still fighting for a play-off spot, battle phenom kick returner Devin Hester and the Chicago Bears, who look to play postseason spoiler against their division foes.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) The Duke Blue Devils and freshman Kyle Singler look to start their season at a perfect 10-0, as they play host to the Albany Great Danes who are hoping to make a game of it at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Browns Snowplow Bills

Cleveland rides Lewis through snow, moves closer to wild card



CLEVELAND | Once out of the snow, the Cleveland Browns slid closer to a spot in the AFC playoffs.

Jamal Lewis plowed for 163 yards and Phil Dawson somehow kicked two field goals through harsh, wintry winds as the surpris-

ing Browns improved their postseason chances with an 8-0 win over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

In blizzard-like conditions better suited for the Iditarod sled-dog race, the Browns (9-5), who never figured to be playing meaningful games in December when the season started, picked up one of their biggest wins since returning as an expansion franchise in 1999.

Cleveland needed a win and a loss by Tennessee to secure at least a wild-card berth.

Only half of that scenario happened, but the Browns will clinch

their first playoff appearance since 2002 with a win at Cincinnati next week.

Buffalo looked more like a warm-weather team as the elements — along with Cleveland's defense — prevented the Bills from scoring.

Unable to throw the ball with swirling winds off Lake Erie gusting over 40 mph, the Browns handed it 33 times to Lewis, and the Atlanta native slopped his way down the field like a kid who grew up in the Midwest.

TOM WITHERS (AP)



SURVIVOR: Will Smith battles a virus in "I Am Legend," but the actor also vanquishes three talking chipmunks and a pregnant teenager. "I Am Legend" beat out "Alvin and the Chipmunks" and "Juno" this weekend with a \$76.5 million opening.

Entertainment



MEN AT QUIRK: Depp, left, and Burton have similar tastes eccentric art.

"Ed Wood," their previous projects include "Sleepy Hollow," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and the animated "Corpse Bride."

"We've been lucky enough to do things that the studios never want to do," said Burton, with Depp adding: "On more than one occasion."

"It's surreal," says Burton, a veritable expert on that topic. "That feeling never quite leaves you that we're able to do something. It's almost like getting away with something."

Though Burton has maintained a mostly consistent record of box office or critical success, Depp has ascended to the top of the A-list — a development that has made their risky endeavors a lot easier to bankroll.

"He protected me well," said Depp. "He fought for me to be in his movies for a number of years."

Depp originally came to Hollywood to pursue a music career as a guitarist. He had no proper experience ever singing before "Sweeney Todd," yet received the blessing of the studio and Sondheim without so much as a demo tape.

"It's like, 'OK, you want to do an R-rated musical without any clue whether the lead actor can sing or not?'" marveled Burton. "He's finally arrived at the absurd level of show business."

"I'll never do it again," said Depp of singing. "It was one time only. If it worked at all, it only worked because of the circumstances."

JAKE COYLE (AP)

Twisted Brothers

Johnny Depp and Tim Burton team up for another weird one

JOINT EFFORT | Marking Johnny Depp and Tim Burton's sixth film together is "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," the new adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's gory musical about a barber who seeks revenge while cutting the

throats of his customers.

"Singing. Who'd have ever thought?" wondered Burton at a recent interview, where he and Depp both still found it hardly comprehensible that two guys who don't like musicals (including an actor who doesn't sing) had just made one.

Their paths first crossed in 1990's "Edward Scissorhands" when Burton cast Depp in his first

leading role following his teen idol success on the TV series "21 Jump Street."

While many of the classic director-actor pairings (John Ford and John Wayne, Akira Kurosawa and Toshiro Mifune) have often focused on a particular genre, the Burton-Depp collaborations span a variety of films, albeit ones with a penchant for fantasy.

Besides "Scissorhands" and

'Titus' Gets a Punk Makeover

It's anarchy in the U.K. as the Bard's most bloody play rocks out

STAGE | Shawn Northrip is thirsty for blood.

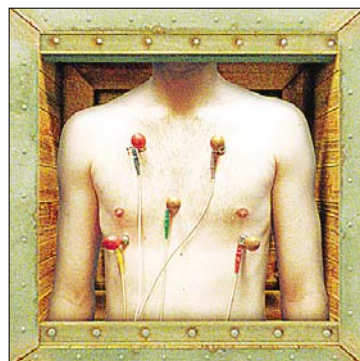
"I love graphic violence onstage," said the theater composer regarding Bouncing Ball Theatrical Productions' one-night-only revival of his musical "Titus X" at the Black Cat on Tuesday.

Loosely adapted from "Titus

Andronicus," the notoriously coarse Shakespearean epic rife with cannibalism, dismemberment, murder and rape, Northrip's version is a fleet 75-minute killing and shrilling spree.

"It's basically a 'CliffsNotes' version of the story; there's very little of the actual text," said Northrip, a Virginia resident and Catholic University alum. "It's more about what we're doing to 'Titus' than what we're doing with 'Titus.'"

The play's elements found a



Shawn Northrip's "Titus X" sets Shakespeare's violent play to music.

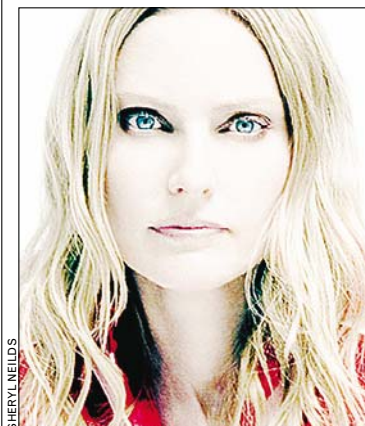
kindred spirit in the energy of punk rock. Hardcore, new wave, post-punk and D.C.'s "Revolution Summer" anthems of 1985 are conjoined with a motley cast of characters whose motivations include hunger, vengeance and sadism.

The Black Cat engagement marks a return for the show and its composer before a hometown theater crowd. CHRISTOPHER CORREA

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Tue., 9 p.m., \$8; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo).*

Today's Top Stops

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AIMEE MANN Christmas Cheer

The thinking hipster's singer-songwriter may be cynical about love, but she's susceptible to the Christmas spirit. Her second annual holiday tour hits the Birchmere tonight.

→ *Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; with Paul F. Tompkins, Nellie McKay and others, through Tue., 7:30 p.m., \$45.50; 703-549-7500.*

"ELVIS: THAT'S THE WAY IT IS" The King's Comeback

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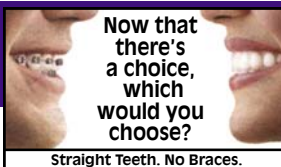
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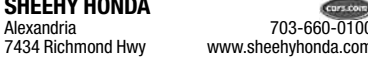
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Tough as 'Bones'

Emily Deschanel finds her niche on TV playing against type

SCIENCE MAJOR | The number of lead roles available for female actors is limited. Perhaps that's why so many great female actors are heading to television. Add to that list Emily Deschanel's portrayal of forensic anthropologist Dr. Temperance "Bones" Brennan. On Fox's D.C.-set procedural "Bones," Brennan gets to be tough, witty and in charge.

Your character on "Bones" isn't like any other women on TV. She is more of a "House" or "Monk" type. Exactly — she's fine on her own; she's independent. ... That's why I wanted to do the show in the first place. You have to think about what kind of images and ideas you're putting out there when you're doing a television show, especially because it could potentially go for a long time and you want to feel good about the character you're portraying.

Do you think Hollywood's view toward women is changing? There seem to be more and more female-driven shows now. "Ally McBeal" was a different time. ... The



BOYS' CLUB: Deschanel as Bones with co-star David Boreanaz as agent Booth.

roles are reversed in a lot of ways on ["Bones"]. David [Boreanaz]'s character, Booth, is a lot more sentimental. He's kind of in a Judeo-Christian morality set of rules, basically. My character ... sees everything from an anthropological point of view. It's interesting, because you see male characters like that all the time, but if a woman is like that, it's unusual.

You were nominated for a 2007 Teen Choice Award. Are you surprised that the show has had such

an impact on young viewers?

The best thing that I've ever heard was a teenage girl saying she watched the show and now wants to become a scientist because of it. Women are going into science more and more now, but in our culture people look to television and look to media in general for images of what is possible. And when you have a character that's strong and doing these things that girls may not have thought of that they could do — I love that.

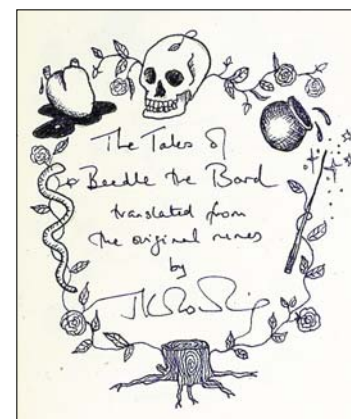
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Amazon Casts a Spell

Online retailer snaps up J.K. Rowling's \$4 million fairy tales

ART BOOK | The art agency that bought a book of fairy tales by J.K. Rowling for nearly \$4 million at a London auction last week turns out to have been acting on behalf of Amazon.com, and the Web retailer wasted no time in posting photos and information about its purchase Friday at amazon.com/beeblebard.

The book, "The Tales of Beedle the Bard," was handwritten and



"The Tales of Beedle the Bard" was handwritten by the best-selling author.

illustrated by Rowling after she finished her "Harry Potter" series. There are only seven copies: She gave six to friends and auctioned the other for charity.

In a review of one of the five stories, "The Wizard and the Hopping Pot," Amazon editor Daphne Durham noted how Rowling's "handwriting gets messier when the story picks up speed, like she's hurrying along with the reader."

A posting from the company on a discussion board said it was formulating plans to send the book on a tour of libraries and schools.

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RETURN OF THE COMEDY KING: “Russell Simmons’ Def Comedy Jam” will be back to spread the laughter and shock the prudish. On Jan. 6, HBO will debut another season of the hot comedy launching pad; it will be hosted by D.L. Hughley.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

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The documentary **HARD AS NAILS** (8 p.m., HBO) profiles Justin Fatica, an ordained Catholic minister who uses a high-energy preaching style laced with references to hip-hop, wrestling and Scripture to reach out to abandoned and abused teenagers.

HEY, KIDS: HEARD OF THIS?

ANIME: DRAWING A REVOLUTION (8 p.m., Starz) offers a brief history of the Japanese-cartoon phenomenon and shows how it has influenced the narrative structure and visual style of Hollywood movies from “The Matrix” and “Sin City” to “300.”

IT’S FATTY BUT DELICIOUS

Professional chefs hit the road on **FEASTY BOYS EAT AMERICA** (8 p.m., Travel), star-



Justin Fatica preaches to kids using tough poses and hip-hop references.

ring Jim Stump and Jon Mayer.

EVERY YOUNG MESSIAH FEELS THE NEED TO ‘EXPERIMENT’

THE MISSING YEARS OF JESUS (9 p.m., National Geographic) tries to fill in the blanks. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

TV: The Musical

The set sings as choirs compete and rock ‘n’ roll looks back

HIGH NOTES | A week before Christmas, the airwaves fill with music both heavenly and profane.

“Clash of the Choirs” (8 p.m., NBC) will unfold live over the next four nights. Popular musical talents — including Michael Bolton, Patti LaBelle, Nick Lachey, Kelly Rowland and Blake Shelton — return to their hometowns and choose 20 local talents to form a choir.

The musical ensembles will be eliminated night after night until



STAR-MAKER: Nick Lachey, right, with members of his hometown choir.

the best choir emerges on Thursday evening. Clearly inspired by “American Idol,” “Clash” dispenses with that popular show’s endless and often cruel audition phase. There’s no time for freaky performances, exhibitionists or even a Sanjaya. Or is there?

On VH1 Classic, Dennis Hopper narrates “Seven Ages of Rock” (9 p.m.), airing over the next seven nights. Each installment brings a new era and genre of music. “Rock” as it is defined here begins in 1965 with the birth of blues-based British rock, and the series goes on to explore “art rock” (Tuesday), punk (Wednesday), heavy metal (Thursday), stadium rock (Friday), American alternative (Saturday) and British indie (Sunday). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	A&E	Cold Case Files DNA evidence. [CC]		CSI: Miami "Not Landing" [CC]	Intervention "Kristen" Young mother.	Intervention (N) [CC]			Paranormal State	Paranormal State	Criss Angel	Criss Angel
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter "Ice Breaker"		Foiled by Nature Flying animals.	Wild Kingdom Alaskan grizzly bears.	Animal Cops Detroit "Darling Diesel"			Animal Cops Detroit [CC]		Wild Kingdom Alaskan grizzly bears.	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live [CC]		Access Granted	★ ★ "Never 2 Big" (1998, Crime Drama) Ernie Hudson, Nia Long. [CC]	Girlfriends [CC]	Girlfriends [CC]		Girlfriends [CC]	Girlfriends [CC]	Hell Date [CC]	Hell Date [CC]
	Bravo	(5:00) ★ ★ "Days of Thunder" (1990)		Inside the Actors Studio [CC]	★ ★ ★ "Beetlejuice" (1988) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. Premiere. [CC]	★ ★ ★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. [CC]			★ ★ ★ "Beetlejuice" (1988, Comedy) Michael Keaton, Alec Baldwin. [CC]			
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Wagons East!" (1994) [CC]		Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Scrubs [CC]	Daily Show
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos [CC]		Cops [CC]	Cops [CC]	World's Wildest	Forensic Files (N)	Forensic Files	Murder by the Book "Harlen Coben"		Rapid Fire (N)	
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman [CC]	Noah's Ark: The True Story [CC]	Da Vinci's Lost Code [CC]			Man vs. Wild "Patagonia"		Dirty Jobs [CC]	
SPATIAL	DISCH	Code Blue "Out of the Darkness"		Trauma: Life in the ER [CC]	A Life Half Full [CC]	Medical Incredible "Harlequin Baby"			Mystery Diagnosis (N)		A Life Half Full [CC]	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	★ ★ "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" (2003) Hilary Duff, Adam Lamberg. [CC]			That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Nicole Kidman: True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Wildcat Wedding	Wildcat Dating 2	Wild Cop Show	Wild Cop Show	Soup Presents	Soup Presents	E! News
	FX	(5:00) ★ ★ "Kingdom of Heaven" (2005) Orlando Bloom, Eva Green.			★ ★ "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller. Two detectives investigate a cocaine dealer.	★ ★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson.			★ ★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson.			
	HGTV	Offbeat America	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Over Your Head	Color Splash	Hidden Potential	House Hunters	Buy Me (N) [CC]	House Hunters
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	History	Wild West Tech: Outlaw Tech [CC]		Modern Marvels: Copper Copper.	Modern Marvels: Cold Cuts (N) [CC]	Gangland "Kings of New York" [CC]			History Rocks "The '80s" [CC]		History Rocks "The '70s" [CC]	
	Lifetime	Reba [CC]	Reba [CC]	Still Standing [CC]	Reba [CC]	"Lost Holiday: The Jim and Suzanne Shemwell Story" (2007) Jami Gertz.			Will & Grace [CC]	Will & Grace [CC]	Will & Grace [CC]	
SPORTS	MTV	(5:30) Made [CC]	Made [CC]	Exposed [CC]	A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila [CC]	The Hills "Lauren Looks Back" Lauren Conrad's reflections. [CC]			A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila [CC]		A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila [CC]	
	NICK	Drake & Josh [CC]	Drake & Josh [CC]	Zoey 101 [CC]	Ned's School	Back, Barnyard	Full House [CC]	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez [CC]	George Lopez [CC]	Roseanne [CC]
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "It's Good to Be King"		Star Trek: Enterprise "Kir'Shara" [CC]	Star Trek: Enterprise "Daedalus" [CC]	Star Trek: Enterprise "Babel One" [CC]			Star Trek: Enterprise "Babel One" [CC]		Blood: The Last Vampire (N) [CC]	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [CC]	★ ★ ★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons.			★ ★ ★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons.		★ ★ "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001, Action) Owen Wilson.	
	TBS	Friends [CC]	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends [CC]	Friends [CC]	Family Guy [CC]	Family Guy [CC]	Family Guy [CC]	Family Guy [CC]	Sex and the City
	TLC	Little People	Little People	Little People, Big World [CC]		Little People	Little People	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (N)		Quint-essential First birthday. (N)		Little People
	TNT	Law & Order: "Gaijin" [CC] (DVS)		Law & Order "House of Cards" [CC]		Law & Order "Home Sweet" [CC]		The Closer "Grave Doubts" [CC]		Saving Grace (N) [CC]		Cold Case "The Runner" [CC]
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [CC]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]		WWE Monday Night Raw (S Live) [CC]				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [CC]
MOVIES	VH1	I Love New York Psychology test. [CC]		I Love New York [CC]		I Love New York [CC]		I Love New York (Season Finale) (N)		Greatest Songs of the '90s		I Love New York [CC]
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	CSN	SportsNite [CC]	SportsNite [CC]	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Detroit Red Wings. From Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. (Live)		Net Impact		SportsNite (Live) [CC]				Washington Post Live
	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]		Out in the Open		Larry King Live [CC]		Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]		
	FNC	Special Report [CC]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor [CC]		Hannity & Colmes [CC]		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball [CC]		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Lockup: Holman		Last Days of a Secret Agent
ENCORE	AMC	★ ★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez. 'PG-13'			★ ★ "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (2003, Adventure) Angelina Jolie. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "Dante's Peak" (1997) Pierce Brosnan. 'PG-13' [CC]					
	TCM	(5:30) ★ ★ "Dream Wife" (1953) Cary Grant. 'NR' [CC]		MGM Parade	★ ★ ★ "Come Blow Your Horn" (1963, Comedy) Frank Sinatra. 'NR' [CC]		★ ★ ★ "Man of the West" (1958, Western) Gary Cooper, Julie London. 'NR'					
	HBO	(:15) ★ ★ ★ "16 Blocks" (2006, Action) Bruce Willis. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]			★ ★ ★ "Hard as Nails" (2007) Premiere. [CC] 'NR' [CC]		★ ★ ★ "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006) Greg Kinnear. 'R'					(:15) Dave Attell: Captain Miserable
	MAX	(:05) ★ ★ "Psycho II" (1983, Horror) Anthony Perkins, Vera Miles. [CC] 'R' [CC]			★ ★ ★ "Happy Feet" (2006, Adventure) Voices of Elijah Wood. [CC] 'PG' [CC]		★ ★ "Eragon" (2006, Fantasy) Ed Speleers. [CC] 'PG' [CC]					Hollywood Sex
	SHOW	Love Comes	(:35) ★ ★ "Meet the Applegates" (1990) Ed Begley Jr.		(:15) ★ ★ ★ "Sherrybaby" (2006, Drama) Maggie Gyllenhaal. iTV. [CC] 'R' [CC]		Dexter "The British Invasion" (iTV) [CC]		★ ★ "Hostel" (2006) Jay Hernandez.			
	TMC	(4:30) Tai-Pan 'R'	(:45) ★ ★ "Hav Plenty" (1997) Chenoa Maxwell. 'R'		(:15) ★ "In the Mix" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Usher Raymond. [CC] 'PG-13' [CC]		★ ★ ★ "Conversations With Other Women" (2005) [CC] 'R'					★ 10th and Wolf
	STARZ!	(5:00) ★ ★ "All the King's Men" [CC]		(:10) ★ ★ "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) Will Ferrell.		Anime: Drawing a Revolution Movies.	(:05) ★ ★ "Blade" (1998, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff. [CC] 'R' [CC]					
	ENCORE	(4:45) Captain Ron	(:35) ★ "Inspector Gadget" (1999) Matthew Broderick.		★ "Bulletproof" (1996) Damon Wayans. [CC] 'R' [CC]		★ ★ ★ "Glory Road" (2006, Drama) Josh Lucas, James Aaron. [CC] 'PG' [CC]					Hang 'Em High

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Hong Kong residents take pride in their tea-soaked heritage

Nearly 70 percent of Hong Kong residents think sidewalk tea cafes are an intrinsic part of their cultural heritage and want them given protected status by the United Nations, according to a recent poll.

The cafes, where you can sit street-side and sip strong milky tea strained through what looks like panty hose, or feast on carbohydrates with a slice of buttery toast as thick as a book, are hugely popular in Hong Kong.

Many have been around for decades and are crammed morning to night with students, housewives, businessmen and tourists, slurping up lunchtime bowls of instant noodles and watching the world go by.

But many fear this unique aspect of Hong Kong's culture — a quirky blend of traditional Chinese and British colonialism — will be lost amid a modernization drive that has already seen many heritage sites torn down for property development.

A survey carried out earlier this month by the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, a political party, found nearly 70 percent of respondents

thought the tea cafes should be included on a list of Hong Kong's "intangible cultural heritage."

The government is compiling a list to submit to the territory's rulers in Beijing. An application is then made to the United Nations' cultural department for protected status.

"I'm glad to see that the interest has been raised about what has cultural value in Hong Kong," Ho Loy, a conservationist, said Saturday.

"These cafes are a reminder of a type of lifestyle going back 50 years. It's a combination of the traditional Chinese teahouse with its strong community role and Western cafes with their toasters and fast food.

"It's not about preserving the tea or the style of tea, but remembering the history that is associated with it," she said.

Hong Kong was ruled by Britain for 155 years until it was handed back to China in 1997. Over the last decade, many colonial landmarks have been bulldozed by developers to make way for new highways or apartment buildings.

Ho was one of several activists who failed to prevent the government from tearing down a 50-year-old pier that was the traditional landing post for British royalty.

Several old Chinese-style streets and outdoor food markets are also earmarked for demolition.

The DAB, the political party that carried out the survey, said it would press the government on Wednesday

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CULTURAL TREASURE IN A GLASS: Customers enjoy milky tea and food at the Lan Fong Yuen tea shop in Hong Kong.



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"The service is fast, and the food is cheap and delicious," said Adelaide Chu, a 40-year-old business analyst, as she lined up behind a dozen or so other Hong Kongers to wait for a seat at one of the six tables in the Lan Fong Yuen tea shop.

"These places really are part of our history, we shouldn't let them disappear," she said. "We came here as young children with our families, and so we need to be able to bring our children here, too."

CASSIE BIGGS (AP)

to include the cafes on Hong Kong's cultural heritage list.

More than three-quarters of the 700 people questioned by the DAB survey said they visited a tea cafe at least once every month, while nearly

40 percent said they went between three and five times per month.

The most popular drink was milky tea — poured through a strainer so fine it's been dubbed pantyhose tea — followed by

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Technology

Game developers customize storytelling for TV and short film

Imagine a TV show created especially for you. Actors, sets and props would be completely customized depending on factors like your age, sex and location. Even the product placement would be made to suit you.

Online video game developer Kuma Games, in conjunction with the American Film Institute's Digital Content Lab, has developed such a storytelling device that merges instantaneous personalization with computer-generated filmmaking.

"With TV, this is simply impossible," says Kuma Games CEO Keith Halper. "You can't change things inside video. You can't change them the way that we do in video games and on Web sites. You can't measure their perfor-



Kuma Games' computer-generated short film "Leaving the Game" can unfold in a different way each time it is viewed.

mance in real time. We're taking that stuff from video games and bringing it to TV, which is a huge and important market."

At last month's AFI DigiFest 2007 in Los Angeles, Kuma Games, best known for its online

military reenactment games, unveiled PG- and R-rated versions of "Leaving the Game," an animated short film about a sultry former assassin named Amber who attempts to land a more mundane job to pay the bills.

Unlike typical machinima — short films created with pre-existing video game engines — "Leaving the Game" uses Kuma Games' own rendering engine, allowing the company to use special camera angles and

dynamically swap content like digital billboards, cars, cellphones and chunks of dialogue.

"Amber could be drinking a Coke in one scene," says Halper, "which could easily be changed to Pepsi or a beer later."

Halper hopes that "Leaving the Game" will be available for download in the near future and

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KEITH HALPER, KUMA GAMES CEO

believes this type of ever-changing media could become yet another form of episodic entertainment.

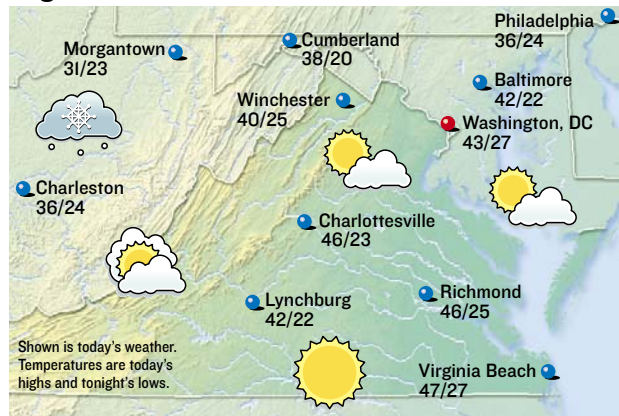
"We created something that's very practical. We created a pilot for a television show," says Halper. "We hope it will get picked up and run on things that feel like traditional TV, but we could also see this coming down on your Xbox 360 on Xbox Live, for instance, as a television show that would play differently every time that you watch it."

DERRIK J. LANG (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly sunny	Clear	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy, rain possible
43°	27°	42° / 31°	49° / 34°	46° / 34°	47° / 34°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

Temperature

High	49°
Low	36°
Normal high	47°
Normal low	32°
Average humidity	75%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.88"
Month to date	1.86"
Normal month to date	1.55"
Year to date	31.51"
Last year to date	46.36"
Normal year to date	37.85"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

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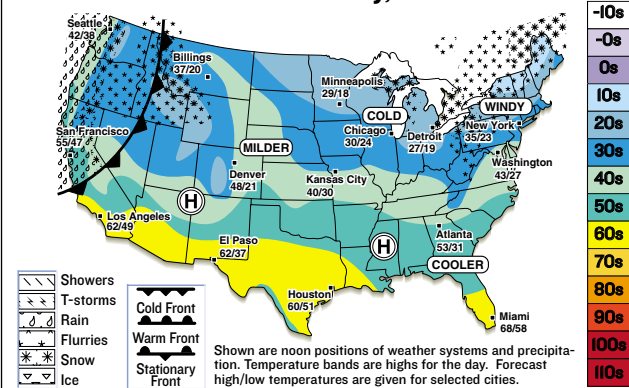
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, windy. High 43. Wind northwest 15-25 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 27. Wind west-northwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:48 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:11 p.m.
Moonset today	none



National Weather for Monday, December 17



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	53/31/s	58/35/s
Boston	32/18/s	30/17/pc
Chicago	30/24/pc	38/25/c
Dallas	58/46/s	64/45/pc
Denver	48/21/pc	45/21/pc
Honolulu	81/71/s	82/69/s
Los Angeles	62/49/pc	61/50/r
Miami	68/58/pc	74/62/s
New York City	35/23/s	38/28/pc
Orlando	58/40/s	69/50/s
Seattle	42/38/r	45/36/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	39/32/pc	43/34/s
Athens	53/49/sh	53/42/sh
Berlin	38/34/pc	40/35/pc
Buenos Aires	79/63/s	90/63/pc
Calgary	29/11/pc	21/14/c
Dublin	46/37/pc	48/37/pc
Geneva	39/23/s	40/24/pc
Moscow	27/20/sf	33/22/c
Rome	47/35/sh	44/32/r
Sydney	70/64/pc	70/63/pc
Tokyo	52/39/pc	52/41/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOKout



Watch it, Xena: Authors Tiffany Ludwig, left, and Renee Piechocki, right, strike powerful poses in honor of their tome.

this was the right platform, the right time for me to share this with you.'

... She had the spotlight all of a sudden, and people were focused on her. We've had women say, 'Wow, no one has ever asked me to talk about myself.'

The conversations progressed well beyond casual banter:

→ **Stephanie Rivera**, of Santa Fe, N.M., spoke bluntly about the horrors she sees as a police officer. "When I go home," she said, "I want to look like a girl."

→ **Elizabeth Garlington**, of Nashville, Tenn., described the perfect black dress and pearls she wore to a family party that, like so many previous parties, her husband refused to attend. "I put the pearls on, and I looked at myself, and I was really, really alone," she said. "And for the first time in four years of that marriage, I thought, 'It's OK to be alone.'" She divorced her husband 60 days later.

→ **Anna Marie Ludwig**, of Jersey City, N.J., mentioned wearing red shoes to a Christmas party during the painful adjustment to widowhood. At the time, she said, "I didn't know what I was going to do, who I was gonna be. Fortunately, I decided I like the person who I found inside there."

"A lot of the stories we get are off the cuff, because when you begin to respond to this question, things are coming out that maybe you didn't even know you were going to talk about," says Piechocki.

Did Ludwig and Piechocki distill an image of the ultimate female "power outfit"?

"It's not even that we couldn't. It's that we wouldn't," says Piechocki. "Because, as artists, we've definitely seen our role in this as providing a platform for women to tell their stories. ... We're not making a Super Power Girl who's this weird conglomeration that doesn't really exist." MELISSA RAYWORTH (AP)

Girl Powah!

Authors investigate what makes women feel bold, beautiful

What do you wear that makes you feel powerful?

Artists Tiffany Ludwig and Renee Piechocki asked that question of more than 500 women from every region of the country. The wildly varying answers they've received, in the form of audio and video interviews and photographs, offer a window into the complicated relationship so many women have with the subject of personal power.

The interview sessions began in 2001, with Ludwig and Piechocki — who collaborate under the name "Two Girls Working" — planning to speak with just a handful of women. Seven years and 77 interview sessions later, they have spoken with women in 15 states and used those interviews to create several art installations, an online multimedia archive and a new book called "Trappings: Stories of Women, Power and Clothing."

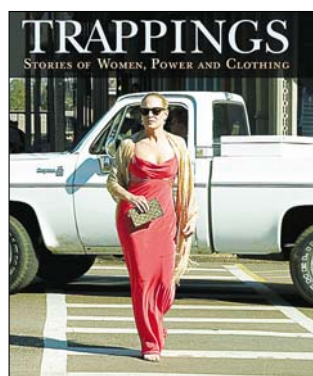
"We kind of co-opted the Tupperware party or Mary Kay party model, where we identify a host and then what the host does is bring together 10 women — friends, colleagues and neighbors — to come to an interview session," says Piechocki, a public art consultant based in Pittsburgh.

Despite the presence of strangers and microphones, women came to those sessions in droves. And they spoke bluntly about the role that things like stilettos and fishnets, leather jackets and even face paint can play in their lives.

Some described clothing as a means of self-expression. Others called it armor. Nearly all were conscious of the intense focus our society puts on women's clothing.

They spoke about their wardrobes "in wildly different ways," says Ludwig, a media consultant who lives in Glen Ridge, N.J. Some find power in black lace lingerie, others in hockey gear.

For many women, the interviews were a rare chance to speak publicly about themselves. During a session



“We’re not making a Super Power Girl who’s this weird conglomeration that doesn’t really exist.”

RENEE PIECHOCKI, AUTHOR AND ARTIST

in Missouri, Ludwig says, a woman in her 50s revealed to friends and neighbors that she had survived breast cancer decades earlier.

"No one knew this about her, and she was, like, 'Well, I just thought

Games



Game Time-Wasters

Sick of playing "spot the bad haircut" at bars with pals? Whip out a pint-size **HASBRO GAME TASTER** (\$8). Revelers might be skeptical of a mini version of word-guessing game Taboo, for instance. But soon they'll be yelling clues like "This is often road-kill and is not a possum!" (Answer: raccoon) and tightly clutching the tiny squeaky "buzzer" (it looks like a baby whoopie cushion). Another option is Pictionary, but drawing on the tiny pad proved difficult. No wonder we kept yelling "robot butt" for what turned out to be "diaper rash."

KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

Footwear



Ohhhh, Shiny

We've been having visions of ticker-tape parades in our honor now that we've discovered **KIWI EXPRESS ONE SHINE** (\$3, drugstores), portable, single-use shoe polish applicators. We're now ready to leap to the rescue when a friend has a footwear crisis: "I have an important meeting in 10 minutes and my shoes are dull and ugly!" "Aha!" we say and become shoe superheroes. The One Shine isn't without its flaws, though: It doesn't conceal big scuffs, but the applicators were not messy, the polish dried quickly, and our friend's shoes looked better than they have in some time. RACHEL KAUFMAN


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MUSIC

One More in the Snow

Like mistletoe and credit-card abuse, Aimee Mann is becoming a Christmas institution. The singer-songwriter brings her second-annual holiday variety show to the Birchmere, where she'll be until Tuesday. Express' Jennifer Barger caught up with Mann before the caroling began. | [COMING UP](#)



FREE RIDE

State of the Union

Actress Gabrielle Union is known in some circles as the epitome of wholesome hotness. So, what does the star of "The Perfect Holiday" want from Santa? Express' Vicky Hallett talked with Union about Africa, collar greens and fabric softener. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

FASHION

Tropical Winter Looks

The darkest days of the year are approaching, which might explain why saturated, Candy Land colors are lighting up clothes. Express contributor Ashley Joy Parker showcases some of this season's bright and festive looks for women. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

I believe steroid

use is cheating. I also believe the owners' tacitly approved because chicks dig the long ball."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC, WHO ADDED, "IF [BARRY] BONDS GETS AN ASTERISK AND EXCLUSION FROM THE HALL, SO SHOULD [ROGER] CLEMENS."

What about

all the players who didn't cheat? How would you feel if you knew you were pitching or hitting against players who were doping?"

COMMENTER CHRIS, WHO ADDED, "THOSE HONEST PLAYERS WERE DENIED JUST LIKE THE FANS WERE."



"Of course not. Don't deny these narcissistic million-dollar golden boys their place in history; [just] lower the standards so that all may achieve. It's working for our schools, isn't it?"

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, RESPONDING TO FRIDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "SHOULD BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO USED STEROIDS BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE HALL OF FAME?"

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FRIDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

SHOULD BASEBALL PLAYERS WHO USED STEROIDS BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE HALL OF FAME?

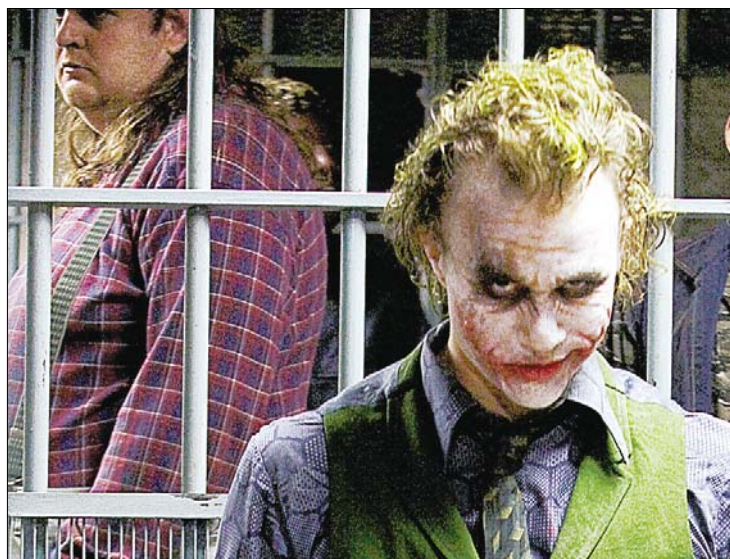
75% YES **25%** NO

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Blog LOG

"As soon as they can satisfy the writers, I'll be back TiVo-ing through their commercials once more."

LIFEOFFBALANCE.COM SIDES AGAINST THE TELEVISION STUDIOS IN THE HOLLYWOOD WRITERS' STRIKE, ADDING, "GOOD LUCK, WRITERS! TAKE WHATEVER TIME YOU NEED TO GET THE CONCESSIONS YOU DESERVE. WE CAN GET CAUGHT UP LATER."



"Heath Ledger's Joker makes Jack Nicholson's look like your drunk grandpa. Except your drunk grandpa didn't dance to Prince songs."

IDONTLIKEYOUINTHATWAY.COM WAS IMPRESSED BY HEATH LEDGER'S PERFORMANCE AS THE JOKER IN "THE DARK KNIGHT"—ALBE IT FROM VIEWING ONLY THE MOVIE'S TRAILER.



"BEING ABLE TO shave my legs.

The ability to lay on my stomach or back without eruptions of stomach acid lurching into my throat and burning [in] my chest. Feeling attractive."

FABULOUSMISSSTYPEPAD.COM DESCRIBES WHAT SHE MISSES WHILE PREGNANT, ADDING, "[I MISS] WEARING MY WEDDING RINGS."

"PERSONALLY, I have avoided the full-contact craziness that is Christmas shopping. Thank God Al Gore created the Internet."

EYESAVERTED.BLOGSPOT.COM TOOK A MORE TECHNOLOGICAL APPROACH TO GIFT-BUYING THIS YEAR.

"THE DOWN ESCALATOR was on the left and the up escalator was on the right ... [it] was a constant annoyance. It seems like a small thing, but when you've been indoctrinated to walk, drive and stand on the right, it's a massive paradigm shift. Frankly, it's completely un-American."

PQLIVING.COM IS HAPPY THAT THE BED BATH & BEYOND AT GALLERY PLACE HAS REARRANGED ITS ESCALATORS.

Discussions

Lisa de Moraes

Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday and talked about how the ongoing writers' strike is affecting everything we watch, the Golden Globe nominations, and what Kiefer Sutherland might look like after he's served his jail term.

If the writers' strike is still on for the Golden Globes and Oscars, does that mean that the shows will consist of people opening envelopes and announcing winners without stupid banter or dumb monologues?

I'm guessing that will be Carson Daly doing all the presenting and all the accepting in the case of NBC's broadcast of the Globes. Not sure who ABC will get for the Oscars — maybe former Mouse House big cheese Michael Eisner?

Is Kiefer Sutherland now serving his time? I wonder whether he'll come out of jail looking like Jack Bauer did when the Chinese released him, like he belonged in ZZ Top.

Yes, Sutherland is now doing time at a private prison in Glendale, Calif., where he's apparently snowed under with fan mail. Hope Fox is shooting prison footage to use in "24" whenever it comes back. And regarding how he will look when he gets out,

I think you are actually describing how Conan O'Brien is going to look by the time the strike is over. He's growing a strike beard. It's not a good look.

So far in this strike-shortened season, what's your vote for best new show? I'd say "Life" is the best new show that's barely making it, though it did get a pickup. In truth, it's not a terrific show, but it's good enough, and Damian Lewis is absolutely worth watching. Best new show is tough. Maybe "Big Bang."

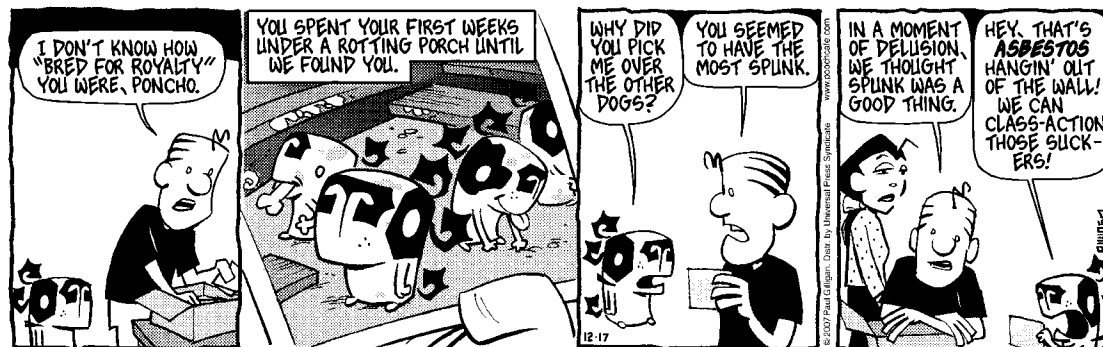
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post columnist Mary Ellen Slayter advises workers just starting out at 2 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DON'T

WORRY ABOUT 911 CALLS, MARYLAND. Emergency management officials say Verizon has resolved problems with 911 service in part of Maryland. A Montgomery County spokesman said it's not clear why calls to 911 weren't going through Sunday.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're going to have to treat yourself a little more responsibly. Eat right, get enough rest and focus on emotional nourishment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not interested in anything that is one-sided; you are perfectly willing to give, but you expect to receive something in return.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You've wanted to make certain changes for some time, and you should be able to turn over a new leaf with very little effort at all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Close work with a partner will surely become all-consuming during daylight hours. Be sure to stand down, relax and focus on family during the evening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No one is likely to ruffle your feathers. You are supremely confident and very much at ease. You know where things stand right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Remember, when playing on a team, you are bound

to perform according to the set rules and strategies. On your own, you can do what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 22) Don't let someone else's caution hold you back. If you feel confident and ready, there is no reason to balk at a new adventure.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll enjoy a special brand of enlightenment before the day is out. During evening hours, share new thoughts with those who can give feedback.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make yourself available to those who wish to learn from you, and you'll enjoy seeing just how strongly your influence is felt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have a flair for the romantic, and a loved one can surely benefit from your attentions at this time. Take a creative approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may want to change sides for a time, if only to see how the other half lives. You can learn a lot about planning and strategy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You want things to be for keeps at this time — and they can be, provided you are not too possessive or inflexible in your approach toward others.

Letters

Raise Metro Funds With Ads

SO, METRO PASSED the fare/parking increases, yet service continues to deteriorate. I am wondering whether anyone on the WMATA Board has been to Japan. In the subway there, advertisements are every-

where, including on the walls and hanging from the ceiling. Why can't we do this here to raise revenue? The Metro system is made of boring concrete, with hideous 1970s color schemes. More ads would liven it up. Get giant TV screens that show the news and ads like they have in German cities and in Montreal.

—STEVEN CORAN
Arlington, Va.

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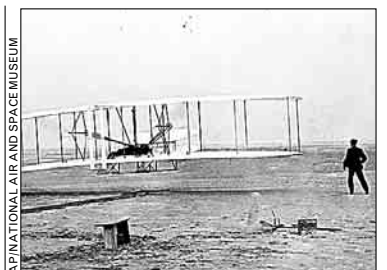
Today in History

1777 France recognizes American independence.

1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conduct the first successful manned, powered airplane flight, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

1944 The U.S. Army announces it is ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

1957 The United States successfully test-fires the



The Wrights succeeded at flying in 1903.

Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

1975 Lynette Fromme is sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford.

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LOOK out

People



Love is yellow hair and athletics.

ENGAGEMENTS

'I'm Blond. You're Blond. We Play Sports. Let's Wed.'

Tennis champ **CHRIS EVERT** and golf legend **GREG NORMAN** are engaged, less than a year after divorces from longtime spouses. The couple got engaged Sunday night, said Tami Starr, director of Chris Evert Charities in Boca Raton, Fla. "They're not sure of a wedding date yet," Starr said. "They're both extremely happy they've found each other." (AP)

INDISCRIMINATE

Johnny: He'll Sign Anything

Want an autograph from **JOHNNY DEPP**? Chances are, he'll sign something for you — and not be a jerk about it. The 44-year-old actor is the most gracious celebrity — for the third year in a row — on Autograph magazine's annual list of the "10 Best and 10 Worst Hollywood Signers." Depp is "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on film, and Johnny and the Signing Factory in person," the magazine said. (AP)



ENDINGS

Heart Will Go Off

CELINE DION called it a wrap at Caesars Palace on Saturday. As adoring fans cheered, stood and clapped through the night's performance, Dion interspersed her usual numbers with emotion-filled monologues. Since opening in March 2003, Dion's show, "A New Day ..." grossed more than \$400 million and was seen by nearly 3 million people. (AP)

PROOF

If It Wasn't Recorded, How Do We Know It Happened?

TV bounty hunter **DUANE "DOG" CHAPMAN** appeared Saturday at a holiday toy giveaway in Los Angeles sponsored by a black advocacy group, weeks after publicly apologizing for using a racial slur. Chapman

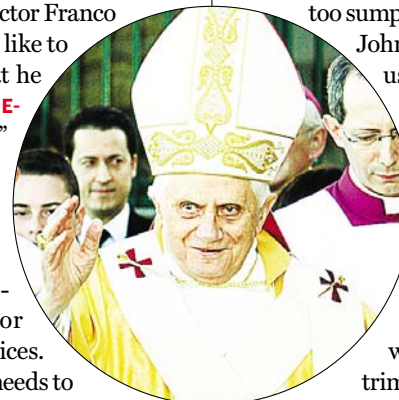
handed out toys to dozens of kids and signed copies of his book "You Can Run But You Can't Hide," said a representative of the Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny. (AP)



FASHION

Pope Tops 'Worst Dressed Mouthpiece of God' List

Italian film director Franco Zeffirelli would like to make over what he called **POPE BENEDICT XVI**'s "cold" image and his "showy" clothes, an Italian newspaper reported Saturday, saying the director offered his services. "His wardrobe needs to be revised," the 84-year-old Zeffirelli said. "These are not times of high-tailored church wear." Instead,



his vestments should reflect "sobriety," the director said. "The papal vestments have been done over to be too sumptuous and showy." John Paul II had little use for fancy papal attire. But Benedict has worn eye-stopping outfits in his public appearances, including a red velvet cape trimmed with ermine, a fur-trimmed stocking cap that some first mistook for a Santa Claus hat, and bright red Prada loafers. (AP)

Britney, in her Faith Hill look-alike phase. Hill demanded her image back.



TRUANT

Federline Attorney Wants Doctor's Note Next Time

Running out of patience with **BRITNEY SPEARS**, Kevin Federline's attorney on Friday said he plans to seek consequences. Mark Vincent Kaplan, who represents Spears' ex-husband in their child custody case, said Friday that he would ask for sanctions against Spears for calling in sick to her court-ordered deposition. Spears didn't show up to testify at Kaplan's office as scheduled, and Kaplan said later that her lawyers told him she wasn't feeling well. Spears was photographed later that day driving with a friend. "This can be done with her active participation or without it," said Kaplan, who said he would file papers asking the court to impose sanctions on Spears before Jan. 23, the next scheduled court date. (AP)

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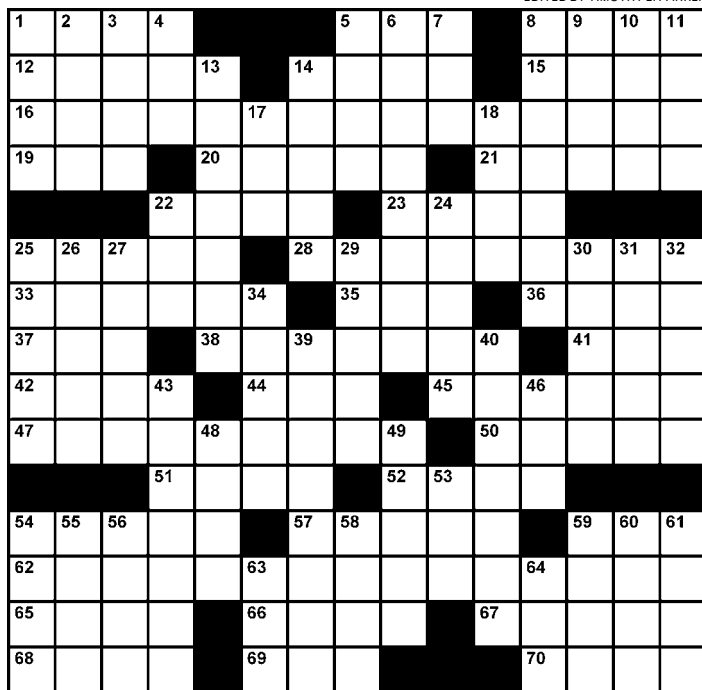
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16 Fluent in a Germanic tongue
19 Triton's realm
20 Reagan cabinet member
21 Suitable material?
22 Cake feature, sometimes
23 Without warranty
25 Hickory species
28 The Winslow family's dog
33 Like many Rod Serling works
35 Ruby of "American Gangster"
36 Some vending machine inserts
37 Conduct a trial
38 Flatfish type
41 "... gave ____ only begotten Son" (John 3:16)
42 Pueblo tribe member
44 Future trout
45 Enumerate
47 Reviled property owners
50 Last year's frosh class, now
51 Lifeline locale
52 Antelopes, to cheat
54 Odd name of classic TV
57 High home

59 Commuter's conveyance
62 Storage place for funds
65 Some people can't take one
66 June 6, 1944
67 Rooney role in many MGM films
68 Takes two from column B, e.g.
69 Charlie Chaplin's brother
70 Gold fort

DOWN

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2 Half of a road, often
3 Korbut of gymnastics fame
4 Conger, e.g.
5 Singing mama
6 Materialized
7 Golfer's thingamajig
8 Manages
9 Sheik's peer
10 Saturn feature
11 Finish the lawn
13 Bahamas island group
14 Unit of heat
17 Grasp the concept
18 In part, it's minor
22 Basker's pride
24 Bedaub
25 Essences
26 Flynn of "Captain Blood"
27 Amphibious South American rodent
29 Combined, as



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numbers

30 Not at all with it
31 Richards of the Rolling Stones
32 More than a third of Mississippi?
34 Winter air
39 Utah Beach locale
40 Entreat
43 Collisions
46 Coquettish
48 Caper
49 Type of floral arrangement
53 Singer Ocasek

54 Seis y dos

55 Send, as a parcel
56 Penny loafer adornment
58 Mild expletive
59 Become charred
60 PC command
61 River of Hades
63 Psyche sections
64 Acorn's aspiration

Friday's Solution



SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Friday's Solution

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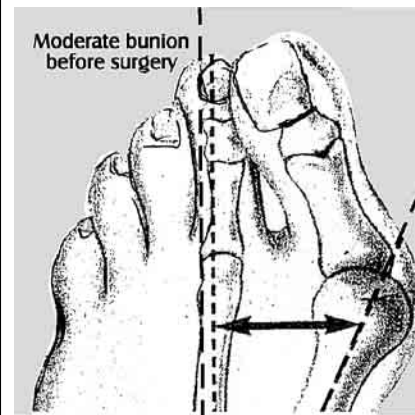
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Robert Hein and Deborah Fenwick

Little did I know that my neighbors' pestering me to go to HealthFair would save me from having a stroke. Ray, who lives next door, had gone to HealthFair in December, where they found a large aneurysm on his aorta. With urgent surgery, the HealthFair test saved Ray's life. After that, every time I saw Barbara, Ray's wife, she asked me when I was going to HealthFair to get tested. I finally agreed to go, and I am very glad I did. The HealthFair technician found that I had a very clogged carotid artery and told me to see my doctor immediately. I was shocked. I always have regular and vigorous physical exams. I'm 63 years old, slim built, don't smoke, eat a fairly low-fat diet, and exercise regularly. I ride my bike 25 miles twice a week, play softball four days a week, and play golf. I have normal blood pressure, normal cholesterol, and a healthy heart. Within a week of the HealthFair screening, I was in the hospital having surgery on the clogged artery. Many of the hospital staff were surprised by my condition considering my otherwise good health. My surgeon, Dr. Earl Stewart, told me the artery was over 80% blocked and the plaque unstable. He was surprised that I hadn't already had a stroke, and was sure I would've had one soon without surgery. Within a week of surgery, I was up and able to resume my normal activities. HealthFair provided a miracle for me and my neighbor, Ray. I think everyone should have the screening. It's the best money I have ever spent. Sincerely, Robert Hein.



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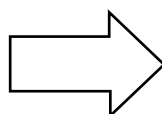
ULTRASOUND TESTS OF THE HEART & ARTERIES

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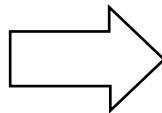
HEART DISEASE PREVENTION PACKAGE

Echocardiogram
Ultrasound Test



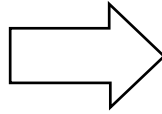
♥ Echocardiogram is a video ultrasound of the heart. It may detect enlargement of the heart, valve abnormalities, blood clots and tumors.

Electrocardiogram
(EKG) Test



♥ EKG may detect ischemia, silent heart attack and atrial fibrillation. EKG provides a picture of the electrical activity of the heart.

Hardening of the Arteries
(ASI) Test



♥ Hardened arteries cause the heart to work harder, which leads to vascular disease. ASI test shows the degree of hardening of the arteries.

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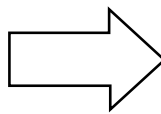


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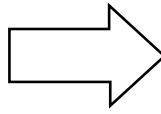
STROKE & ANEURYSM PREVENTION PACKAGE

Stroke/Carotid Artery
Ultrasound Test



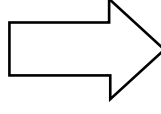
♥ Many strokes are associated with blockages in the carotid arteries that may be detected with an ultrasound.

Abdominal Aortic
Aneurysm Test
(4-hour fast required)



♥ Abdominal aortic aneurysms form as a result of a weakness in the lining of the artery wall that may be detected with an ultrasound.

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